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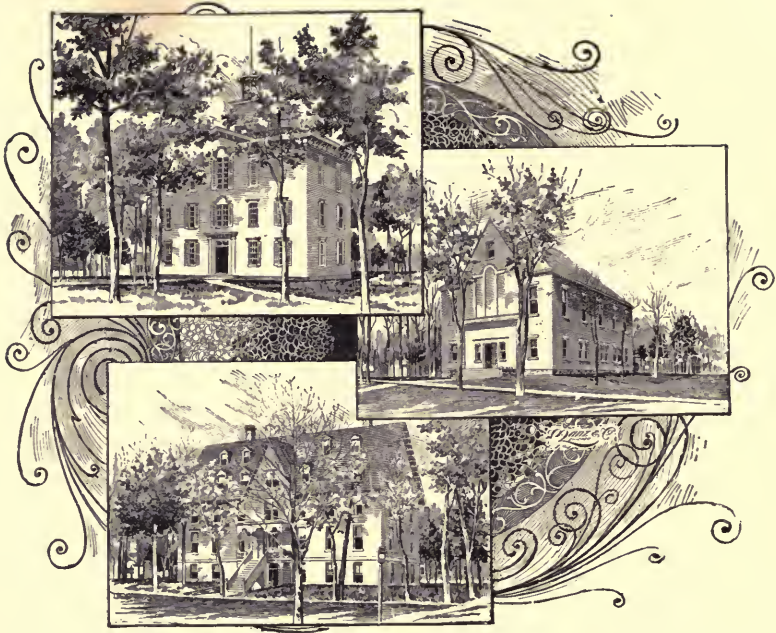
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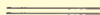
If the Seminary has done magnificent work in the past—and this booklet suggests but a slight part of it—she has far brighter prospects before her in the large endowment secured; in the affiliation with Northwestern University; and especially in the faith of the people in her power, and their awakening to the value of higher christian education in a school near at hand.

The strong corps of teachers, deservedly popular with the students, who made possible the marked success of the past school year, has been nearly all retained for the coming year.

Rev. Frank G. Barnes, D. D., who has come to us from Epworth, Iowa, where he directed the affairs of Epworth Seminary for a number of years with great success, has inspired the people with confidence wherever he has met them, and promises to add great strength as Principal of the faculty.

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CALENDAR.



Fall Term begins.....	September 3, 1901
Winter Term begins.....	December 3, 1902
Spring Term begins.....	March 18, 1902
Baccalaureate Sunday.....	June 1, 1902
Commencement Day.....	June 5, 1902

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF GRAND PRAIRIE SEMINARY
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HON. WM. A. RANKIN, ONARGA, ILL.

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Mr. Rankin is State Representative, an extensive farmer, stockman and banker, and takes an active interest in all educational and church matters. Being a resident of Onarga, her people are very grateful to him as a benefactor, he having made the first offer of \$25,000 for the endowment of the Seminary.



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The two Associations wield a powerful influence in the school. The work of the Christian Associations is to endeavor to point out higher ideals of christian life and to encourage and inspire christian thought. Every christian young person is invited and expected to work in these Associations and every effort is put forth to interest all students in the work.



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MR. AND MRS. G. FOREMAN, THAWVILLE, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Foreman were teachers in the Melvin schools for nine years and say they never regret the time they spent in Grand Prairie Seminary. Both are graduates of the literary course.

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Mr. Collins recently secured a position as stenographer with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at Chicago, Ill., in the local freight office, 160 Polk Street and Pacific Avenue.



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D. W. McMILLAN.

Commercial teacher in Public Schools, Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. McMillan is a graduate of both the literary and business courses of the Seminary. He has been very successful in his present position, which he has held for the past two years, and is elected again for next year.



EDNA E. LEONARD.

Clerk in Census Department of the government, Washington, D. C. Salary \$1,000 per year.

Miss Leonard is a graduate of our business department and went to Washington in June, 1900, where she successfully passed an examination and was immediately appointed to the position she now holds.

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AMY AMIDON.

Stenographer for Worst & Co., Chicago, Ill.

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LEWIS LINDHOLM.

Stenographer and bookkeeper in Roddick & Son's real estate and insurance office, Chicago.

Mr. Lindholm spent nearly two years as a student in our business and shorthand departments and says he is very grateful for the good influences and inspirations brought to bear upon him while in school.



R. C. LUTTON.

Assistant Traffic Manager for the National Enameline and Stamping Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Lutton has been engaged with the above company for more than a year and has served in the capacity of bookkeeper, as stenographer, and as clerk.



R. K. MUNRO.

Stenographer and assistant bookkeeper for R. L. Cummings, grain dealer, Clifton, Ill.

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WM. O. KEEFE.

Bookkeeper for McKinney Hardware & Lumber Co., Piper City, Ill.

Mr. Keefe is a well qualified bookkeeper and a graduate of the Class of 1900.



A. F. ANDERSON.

Stenographer and bill-clerk for a Chicago Lumber Co.

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FRANK P. McDONALD.

Bookkeeper for Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. McDonald is a first-class accountant, rapid in figures and capable of handling a large amount of work.



GEORGE LINDHOLM.

Clerk in J. L. Saxton's dry goods house, Gibson City, Ill.

Mr. Lindholm has had considerable experience in business, and says that he never regrets the time he spent in the business department of Grand Prairie Seminary.



VIEW OF AUDITORIUM PLATFORM.



RICHARD MEENTS.

Cashier of Meents & Sons' Bank, Ashkum, Ill.

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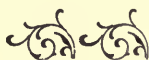
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